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CBI RAIDS ON COAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any raid has been conducted on the official premises of coal companies imd residences of their officers by the Central Bureau of Investigation(CHI) during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the officers whose residences were raided;

(d) the departmental action taken against them till date and the number of cases in which officers have been punished alongwith their names; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check corruption in coal sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHIHU SOREN)

(a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted raids in the office premises/ residences of the officials of coal companies and registered 35 cases against them during last two years i.e. 2004 and 2005. The details are as follows:

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No. of cases in which chargesheet has been filed in the Court : 22
No. of cases recommended for Regular Departmental Action (RDA) : 4
No. of case in which sanction for prosecution is under process : 1
No. of cases under investigation    : 9
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(d) Out of 35 cases, CHI has recommended RDA in 4 cases involving 12 officials of coal companies. The concerned disciplinary authority has initiated action against them. Suitable punishment will be imposed on them in accordance with relevant rules of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(e) Due attention is paid to streamline the procedures. and practices prevailing in the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries so as to make their working more transparent and systematic thus minimizing chances of corruption. The Government and CIL are taking the following steps to check corruption:
(i) Identification of sensitive posts/ departments.
(ii) Rotational transfer of officers /employees working in sensitive posts.
(iii) Transfer of officers figured in agreed list and Jist of officers of doubtful integrity.
(iv) Periodical inspections, both regular and surprise, in sensitive areas.
(v) Post-scrutiny of files etc.
(vi) Scrutiny of property returns.
(vii) Annual exercise to verify the stock position of coal.
(viii) Joint action by coal companies in liaison with the local police administration, CISF, railway police to check the illegal mining, theft and pilferage of coal